

### **REMARKS**

At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated July 5, 2005 has been received and their contents carefully reviewed. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's notes indicating allowable subject matter of the present application.

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1, 3, 8 and 13, and adds new claims 19-21. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-11, and 13-21 are currently pending, of which claims 4-7 are currently withdrawn. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 8-11, 13-15, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully submit that claims 1, 3, 8-11, 13-15, 17 and 18 are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, in view of the current amendments in the pending claims.

In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Okita (U.S. Patent No. 5,747,830); and claims 8-12, 18 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over ARA (Applicant's Related Art) in view of Tsujimura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,608,658).

The rejection of claims 1-3 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Okita is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "... a light transmission restricting layer formed beneath at least one of the pixel electrodes positioned between the first and second gate lines and not formed beneath the pixel electrodes positioned between any other gate lines." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 3 and 17, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 8-12, 18 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over ARA in view of Tsujimura et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 8 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 8 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...a light transmission restricting layer formed directly on the insulating layer and beneath at least one of the plurality of pixel electrodes positioned between the G0 and G1 scanning lines and not formed beneath the plurality of pixel electrodes positioned between any other scanning lines." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 and claims 9-11, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

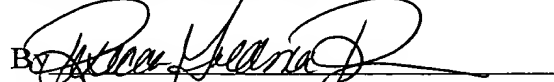
Claim 13 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 13 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein the light transmission restricting layer is formed beneath at least one of the plurality of pixel electrodes positioned between the G0 and G1 scanning lines and is not formed beneath the plurality of pixel electrodes positioned any other scanning lines." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13 and claims 14, 15 and 18, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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